

FIRST 5 - PLACER
CHILDREN and FAMILIES COMMISSION
11820 Enterprise Drive
Auburn, CA 95603
Meeting Minutes February 14, 2008

Attendees – Commissioners & Staff:

Catherine Goins, Chair, Commissioner, Childhood Development
Dr. Sandra Naylor-Goodwin, Commissioner, Children's Behavioral Health
Richard J. Burton, M.D., M.P.H., Commissioner, Placer County Health Officer
Dayle Edgerton, RN, Commissioner, Child Health Care
Elaine Rowen, Ph.D., Commissioner, Early Education
Brian Wirtz, County Counsel
Don Ferretti, First 5 Director
Nancy Baggett, Staff Support, Administration
Sandy Renz, Staff Support, Administration

Commissioners Not in Attendance:

Bob McDonald, Vice-Chair, Commissioner, Early Intervention
Kim Haswell, Commissioner, Consumer
Jim Holmes, Commissioner, Board of Supervisors, District #3
Melanie M. Cleary, Commissioner, Lake Tahoe Area

Public Attendees:

Rosie Licata, Little Shapes Bilingual Preschool
Paul Licata, Little Shapes Bilingual Preschool
Francine Nunes, PCOE/LPC Child Care Council
Vicky Pantels, UC Cooperative Extension UCCE
Paula Westernen, UC Cooperative Extension UCCE

Call Meeting to Order

Meeting called to order at 4:54 p.m.

I. Public Comment:

Persons may address the Commission on items not on this agenda. Please note that although the Commission is very interested in your concerns, the California Brown Act prohibits the Commission from taking any action this meeting on items not published on this agenda.

None

II. Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes from the January 10, 2008 meeting.

Sandra Naylor-Goodwin/Elaine Rowen Unanimous

III. Commission Action Items:

1. Public Hearing – State First 5 Annual Report – Fiscal Year 2006-07

In November 2007, First 5 Placer submitted its Annual Program Report to the State First 5 Commission. The state compiles reports from all 58 First 5 Commissions into one report and submits it to the state legislature in January of each year. This year the State First 5 Annual Report is in a different format as the report does not include county profiles as it has in the past. The county profiles will be sent under a separate cover. Per the first Prop 10 law, each county First 5 Commission is required to hold a public hearing on the State First 5 Annual Report.

The action requested is to allow for public comment and accept the State First 5 Annual Report. There was no comment from the public other than an acknowledgement that the reports shows that most First 5 services in the state are accessed by the Latino population.

Motion to approve the State First 5 Annual Report.

Sandra Naylor-Goodwin/Dr. Burton Unanimous

2. Little Shapes Bilingual Preschool Request for \$5,000

The Little Shapes Bilingual Preschool is an In Home Family Preschool located in the Lincoln Crossing area in Lincoln. They provide childcare and preschool activities for children from 3 months to 6 years of age. Little Shapes Bilingual Preschool is licensed to care for 14 children; 12 children are currently enrolled in their program.

The Little Shapes staff includes Rosie Licata, her husband Paul and one full time assistant. The applicant proposes to use First 5 funds to purchase materials and supplies that will help them to provide a quality learning environment for the children in their care. The result is that the children will develop appropriately and be ready for kindergarten.

The Community Resource Committee reviewed the Little Shapes Preschool application and interviewed the applicant. The committee is recommending funding. Francine Nunes representing the CRC added that Rosie and Paul Licata are also enrolled in the CARES program.

The action requested is to approve \$5,000 for the Little Shapes Bilingual Preschool as recommended by the CRC.

Motion to approve \$ 5,000 for the Little Shapes Bilingual Preschool as recommended by the Community Resource Committee.

Elaine Rowen/Sandra Naylor Goodwin Unanimous (**Goins**-abstention)

IV. Commission Information Items:

Don Ferretti – The Commissioner annual Planning Retreat will be taking place on Friday, February 29th, 2008 in Rocklin.

The First 5 Annual Statewide Conference is scheduled for May 22-23, 2008 in Anaheim. First 5 Placer includes funding for Commissioners and CRC members to attend this conference. The registration information will be forthcoming and will be forwarded when received.

Don Ferretti – The CARES program has been reinstated for eighteen months. As information about the new CARES program is made available by the state it will be shared with the Commission.

V. Commissioner Reports:

Dayle Edgerton – Children's Health Initiative – The next meeting is scheduled for February 19th at the First 5 Placer office. The purpose of the meeting will be based around outreach, education, retention and utilization (OERU) network. An upcoming meeting scheduled on February 28th will be Certified Application Assistant (CAA) training. Twenty six people have signed up for the CAA training thus far.

Dayle Edgerton – Children's Health Initiative – First 5 Placer was presented a Challenge Award for the year 2007 by the Healthy Future Regional Health Initiative. The award represented the California State Association of Counties including Sacramento, Colusa, El Dorado, Placer and Yolo counties.

Elaine Rowen – Reported on the MHSA Community Wellness Steering Committee. The subcommittee identified groups and ages of children that are at risk in their research category of early intervention. Their next steps will be to identify what programs are available to children and the sustainability of such programs. The Community Wellness Group is starting a quarterly newsletter.
Meeting Adjourned 5:16 pm

For more information concerning these minutes contact Don Ferretti, Director for First 5 Placer at 530.886.1824 or dferrett@placer.ca.gov.



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